

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

In an island environment with finite land, proper land use planning and growth management is essential. Towards that end the City and County has a three-tiered land use planning and regulatory structure consisting of a General Plan, Development and Sustainable Community Plans (DP/SCP), and Zoning. The DP/SCP currently provide for an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), which is intended to delineate the limits of urban development, preserve open space, and provide long-range protection for the island's agricultural lands.

Decisions on when and where to expand the UGB and permit additional urban development affect everyone islandwide. These decisions should not be made lightly. Containing development within a fairly permanently defined area will effectuate the most efficient use of land on our small island community.

Accordingly, the purpose of this proposal is to:

- 1) Require the director of DPP to propose an ordinance establishing urban growth boundaries and the administration thereof; and***
- 2) Require a two-thirds (or even more) City Council approval to expand the Urban Growth/Community Boundary.***

This heightened threshold will not prevent expansion of the UGB, but rather assure that any such expansion is supported by more than just a simple majority of the Council.

Once the basic UGB provision is placed in the Charter, the implementing ordinance can establish detailed criteria or parameters governing UGB changes.

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

Council Resolution 03-192 proposed Charter amendment language that would effectuate this purpose. While Resolution 03-192 also includes language for the adoption of Agricultural Protection Zones, only the language relevant to Urban Growth Boundaries is recommended at this time.

Resolution 03-192 is attached.

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).

Growth management provisions exist in many jurisdictions across the nation. One area where the concept of urban growth boundaries had been successfully applied was the jurisdiction of Portland, Oregon. A review of the Portland urban growth boundary program should reveal more information on the details of implementation. Those details, however, are probably more applicable to an implementing ordinance, as such detail is inappropriate for inclusion in the Charter.

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.

No specific materials to attach.

5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Please refer to the appropriate language of Resolution 03-192.

Ramseyer Format:

If proposing an amendment to existing Charter provisions, indicate, by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate, by bracketing, any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.

If proposing to replace existing Charter provisions in their entirety, clearly indicate the article(s), chapter(s) and/or section(s) of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and provide the text of any provisions proposed to replace the deleted material.

If proposing new Charter material only, provide the text of the new provision(s) and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be inserted.

**Please submit this form and attachments by mail, e-mail, or fax.
Submissions are due October 31, 2005.**

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Thank you for participating in the charter revision process!